

Demonstrations, Machinery, Food Attract Thousands To Ag Progress

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from August 17-19, the focus was on Conserving Our Resources Through Science, which emphasized the need to conserve and protect natural resources such as water and soil. Production agriculture exhibits and presentations stressed conservation compliance methods and management. Research tours provided an overview of Penn State agricultural research on horticulture, orchard, and grazing.

Back by popular demand this year was the Crafts Building. Local artists displayed and demonstrated their work.

"We provide another interest rather than machinery, field tours, and production agriculture," said Louise Fox, who was in charge of

Centre Pieces, a quilting display.

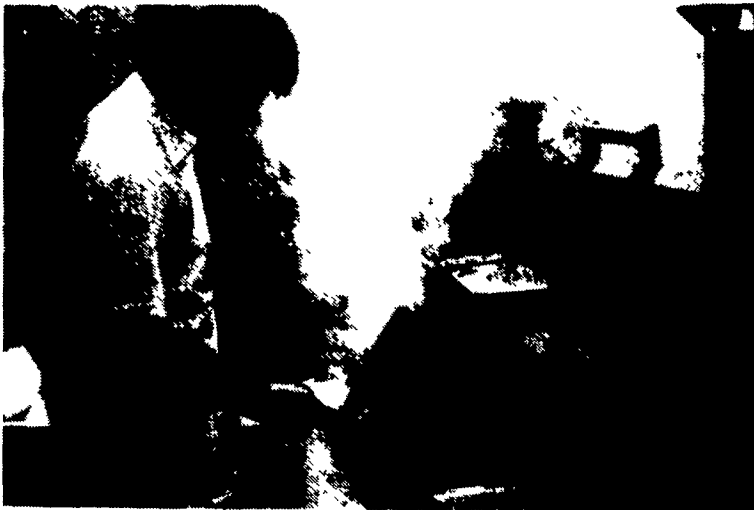
Ask the Experts was a popular spot this year. A panel of research experts from Penn State were on hand to answer any question visitors might have. It was an opportunity for visitors to find out what to do about problems they face in the yard, field, barn or home.

For the fourth year, the Ice Cream Churn-Off Contest drew hundreds of observers as contestants prepared ice cream that was then judged and samples distributed to the crowd.

Here are some pictures that provide a synopsis of the reasons why so many people attend Ag Progress each year.



Few people have the privilege of viewing Ag Progress displays in a carriage. These 14-month-old triplets, Eli, Caleb, and John, are the children of Carl and Jill Campbell of Pine Grove. The Campbells visit every year because Carl grew up in the area. He is now a pastor and said that almost all his members are involved in some way with agriculture.



Dwight Woelkers, who normally serves as director of marketing for Hatfield Quality Meats, is president of the state FFA Foundation and dons a chef's hat to prepare ribs for the Foundation's food booth at Ag Progress Days.



Greg Hoover, PSU entomologist, explains about a particular pest to visitors. Hoover and the bank of Penn State College of Agricultural Science experts manned an "Ask the Experts" tent during Ag Progress.



Mark Fairbrass explains differences between talons of raptors to a young bird enthusiast. Fairbrass is a program assistant at Shaver's Creek Raptor Center.



Leo and Dawn Luchi, apple growers from Conyngham, with Jean Derr and her husband from Hazleton, find some shade under a tent to enjoy lunch. Luchi said that he really likes to see what's new in agriculture, walk through the orchards, and enjoy the farmlands.



David and Beth Mummert of Chambersburg breathe a sigh of relief after they finish churning Peanut Butter Fudge Chip Ice Cream.



The crowd sought comfortable positions to watch the Ice Cream Churn-Off Contest.